

REMARKS

The Applicants note that Claims 1-8 are canceled, Claims 9-13 are allowed, Claims 14-17 are canceled, Claim 18-19 are rejected, Claims 20-21 are canceled, Claims 22-24 are rejected, Claims 25-26 are canceled, Claim 27 is rejected, Claims 28-35 are canceled, and new Claims 36-37 have not been examined. Therefore Claims 9-13, 18-19 22-24, 27, 36 and 37 are currently pending in the application.

I. Non-responsive Communication.

The Examiner indicated that the Applicant's communication filed on 11/20/02 was non-responsive because, although the Applicants stated that amendments previously filed on 7/24/02 were being repeated for clarification, the cancellation of Claim 28 was omitted. In response, the Applicants confirm the cancellation of Claim 28. The Applicants apologize for this inadvertent omission.

II. Conclusion

In view of the present amendment and amendments filed 11/20/02 and remarks, the Applicants now see all of the Claims currently pending in this application to be in condition for allowance and therefore earnestly solicit a Notice of Allowance for Claims 9-13, 18-19 22-24, 27, 36 and 37.

The Applicants request the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney of record at (972) 480-8800 if such would further or expedite the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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